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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

ELLIS WOODWARD, DIRECTOR, WHITE HOUSE ADVANCE OFFICE,
WILL ARRIVE CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER
7, AT 2050 HOURS ON SABENA FLIGHT 647 FROM BRUSSELS.
PLEASE MEET AND ASSIST. REQUEST MEETING BETWEEN DCM
GAMMON AND ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR BOUDREAU BE ARRANGED
FOR FOLLOWING ARRIVAL OR EARLY THURSDAY MORNING TO REVIEW
LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN PROPOSED SCHEDULES.

ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, A MEETING SHOULD BE ARRANGED
WITH KEY FRENCH PERSONNEL, INCLUDING FRANCOIS PONCET TO
DISCUSS, AND HOPEFULLY RESOLVE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(1) REF PARIS 35229, CHIEF OF CABINET SAUZAY IS
CONSIDERING USE OF THE PARKING LOT FOR ARRIVAL STATEMENTS
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BY PRESIDENTS CARTER AND D'ESTAING. WHY? IF PARKING
LOT ACCEPTABLE, WHY NOT TARMAC IN FRONT OF PRESIDENTIAL
AIRCRAFT.

(2) WHITE HOUSE REQUESTS FURTHER GUIDANCE WITH REGARD
TO PROPOSED MOTORCADE FROM ORLY TO ARC D'TRIOMPHE IN
TERMS OF ROUTING, CROWDS, ETC.

(3) INITIAL WHITE HOUSE REACTION TO GISCARD'S OFFER TO USE RTF STUDIOS POSITIVE. SEVERAL QUESTIONS MUST BE RESOLVED, HOWEVER: WILL THE SPEECH BE BROADCAST LIVE OVER RTF? WHAT IS THE SEATING CAPACITY OF THE RTF STUDIO? WHO WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE BROADCAST AND HOW WILL THEY BE CHOSEN? HOW MANY AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE STUDIO TO OBSERVE THE BROADCAST? DOES GOF PLAN TO HAVE SPEECH BROADCAST (ASSUMING LIVE OVER RTF) OVER EURO-VISION NETWORK?

(4) LACK OF AGREED UPON SCHEDULE FOR NORMANDY IS OBVIOUSLY OF GREAT CONCERN. THOUGH WHITE HOUSE UNDERSTANDS GOF CONCERN OVER LISEUX, MANY QUESTIONS NEED TO BE RESOLVED: WILL PRESIDENT CARTER FLY TO CAEN OR CHERBOURG, OR DIRECTLY TO NORMANDY VIA HELICOPTER? (NOTE THAT WHITE HOUSE MUST INSIST ON USE OF AMERICAN AIRCRAFT AND PRESIDENTIAL PILOTS). AFTER NORMANDY, WHERE AND HOW? WHAT ARE THE ANTICIPATED ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENTS? WHERE, OR WILL, THE TRAIN STOP EN ROUTE PARIS? PLEASE NOTE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOF OFFICIALS THAT PRESIDENT SHOULD BE IN RESIDENCE NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM BEFORE 7:30 PM DEPARTURE FOR VERSAILLES.

FURTHER, REQUEST THAT APPROPRIATE FRENCH OFFICIALS ACCOMPANY WOODWARD (BY AUTO OR TRAIN) TO NORMANDY AND
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OTHER PROPOSED EVENT SITES ON ITINERARY ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9. IMPERATIVE THAT FRENCH OFFICIALS ACCOMPANY WOODWARD TO NORMANDY FOR SITE SURVEYS.

FINALLY, EMBASSY PARIS SHOULD BEGIN PREPARATION IMMEDIATELY OF DETAILED SCENARIOS (INCLUDING RELEVANT DIAGRAMS) OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CEREMONIES, WREATH-LAYING, DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT AT VERSAILLES, MEETINGS WITH GISCARD. THESE SHOULD BE COMPLETED AS THOROUGHLY AS POSSIBLE FOR WOODWARD TO CARRY TO WASHINGTON BY HAND SUNDAY. VANCE

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